

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, and 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors

Also present were: Chief Paul Hammick, Chief William Riley – Center Fire District, Philip K. Scheck, Jr., Town Manager, Pat Braun - EMS, India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent were: Councilor Hypo lite and Chief Robert Farmer – Blue Hills Fire District

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015.

**POLICE**

The police department FY 2014/2015 budget is under budget at year end.

**Crime**

There was an increase of crime of 23% for the month of May and approximately 2% down year to date. This increase is due to ten or more larcenies and three burglaries at the Copco Plaza.

Arrest data has also decreased by 2% year to date. The calls for service decreased 18% for the month and 14% year to date.

Traffic Control Enforcement will continue throughout town at primary accident locations, focusing on speed and unsafe driving. The department also received a state grant geared toward distracted drivers and DUI enforcement.

There are five open investigations in Internal Affairs in the past month.

There were two use of force incidents with officers during the past month. These incidents involved use of control for an arrestee. There were four total year to date.

There were four citizen complaints in May. Two of the four cases were unsubstantiated and the other two cases remain open due to motor vehicle stops.

## Personnel Updates

The department is budgeted for 49 sworn officers, there are currently 50 officers on staff with an anticipated retirement on July 1, 2015. Sergeant Shawn Bolden has officially retired in May 2015 and Sergeant Nick Aliana also announced that he will retire in October 2015. Chief Hammick informed committee that seven additional employees are eligible to retire by year end.

Officer Christopher Obey announced that he is retiring the first week in July.

Officer Steven Grabowski is doing very well in his recruitment class as the Class Sergeant. He will graduate from the academy on June 17, 2015.

Officer Jonathan Sykes continues to do well in the Hartford Police Academy. Chief Hammick hired Officer Alicia Aldridge, she will begin the police academy during the first week of July.

There are preliminary steps are in place for the next recruitment class for police officers, beginning summer 2015. The department have also began the recruitment efforts for the Police Cadet Program this summer as well.

## Community Services

Chief Hammick reported that Officer Robert Wilkins, Community Services officer continue to be visible and support community events with summer youth programs. There were four car seat clinics held in May 2015. A CPR class was sponsored by the Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) at Metropolitan Learning Center in mid-May. In addition, there was a job fair held at the First Cathedral to promote police officer recruitment.

## CALEA

Chief Hammick reported that the final assessment for CALEA national will be conducted on June 15, 2015 through June 18, 2015.

An Executive Summary of the CALEA Accreditation was submitted to the committee for review. The inspectors are currently reviewing this final assessment online. There are no incidents of non-compliance within the department.

## BVA

The Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance will be hosting their first golf tournament this year on Monday, July 27, 2015 at Winton bury Hills Golf Course. This is a great opportunity to spend the day with fellow coworkers and friends all while supporting the ambulance volunteers. BVA is raising money for an additional power loader stretcher which is a great tool for the personnel.

There were four new volunteers who joined the BVA this past month.

BVA also sponsored a community CPR class on Sunday, June 7, 2015.

## **EMS**

Mr. Pat Braun informed the committee that the EMS committee received positive responses regarding the installation of the power loader. The BVA Fund will explore fundraising campaigns for a second power loader. It was suggested that \$30,000 would finance the installation of the second power loader. The BVA Fund pre-approved \$18,000, they will continue to raise funds for the remaining amount. A business fund drive will be distributed in the next several months.

The next EMT class will be held in September 2015.

On July 1, 2017, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BVA will be held at Birch Meadows.

Mr. Braun inquired about regulations regarding advertisement at the golf course to raise funds for the second power loader.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor Neuwirth inquired about the status update regarding body cameras. Chief Hammick reported that the department has applied for grant funding from the State of Connecticut –PILOT program for body cameras equipment and technical support. The department was approved to receive a \$30,000 grant for develop and address maintenance with Information Technology capacity. It was noted that the State Legislature approved \$15,000,000 to address this issue.

Councilor Rivers inquired about the status of school resource officers. Chief Hammick explained the bidding cycle process per union guidelines with special assignments. These positions were open to other officers to apply for School Resource officers and no response for the middle school. However, Officer Nicole Downs will replace Officer Tiesha Thomas at Bloomfield High School for this upcoming year. Chief Hammick stated that he has not made a decision to involuntarily assign someone to the middle school as of yet.

Councilor Merritt inquired patrol cycles as determined by density population, incidents and calls for services.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Merritt to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.